

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method for treatment of sleeping disturbance, wherein the method comprises administering a therapeutically effective [~~dose~~] amount of *S*-5-methoxy-2-[[~~(4-methoxy-3,5-dimethyl-2-pyridinyl)methyl~~]]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole (esomeprazole) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof [~~is administered~~] to a patient in need thereof [~~suffering therefrom~~].
2. (Currently amended) A method for [~~treatment to obtain improved sleeping~~] improving sleep in a patient suffering from gastroesophageal reflux disease, wherein the method comprises administering a therapeutically effective [~~dose~~] amount of *S*-5-methoxy-2-[[~~(4-methoxy-3,5-dimethyl-2-pyridinyl)methyl~~]]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole (esomeprazole) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof [~~is administered~~] to a patient in need thereof [~~suffering therefrom~~].
3. (Currently amended) [A] The method according to any one of claims 1 or 2, wherein the esomeprazole is administered in the form of an alkaline salt selected from the group consisting of Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} , Na^{+} [~~or~~] and K^{+} salts.
4. (Currently amended) [A] The method according to any one of claims 1 or 2, [1-3,] wherein the salt is a magnesium salt [~~esomeprazole-magnesium salt is administered~~].
5. (Currently amended) [A] The method according to one any of claims 1 or 2, [1-3,] wherein the salt is a magnesium salt [~~esomeprazole-sodium salt is administered~~].
6. (Currently amended) [A] The method according to any one of claims 1 or 2, wherein the esomeprazole or an alkaline salt thereof is administered orally.

7. (Currently amended) [A] The method according to any one of claims 1 or 2, wherein the esomeprazole or an alkaline salt thereof is administered parenterally.

8. (Currently amended) [A] The method according to any one of claims 1 or 2, [~~1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6,~~] wherein the esomeprazole or an alkaline salt thereof is administered in a dose of from 1 to 100 mg daily.

9. (Currently amended) [A] The method according to claim 8, wherein the esomeprazole or the alkaline salt thereof is administered in a dose of from 10 to 40 mg daily.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)